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Via ECF

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Teman*, case no. 1:19-cr-696

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

Pursuant to your “individual rules of practice in criminal cases,” this letter serves as the Defendant Ari Teman’s request to adjourn sentencing for 60 days. Assistant United States Attorney Khedar Bhatia notified undersigned counsel that the Government does not oppose this request.

As this Court is aware, the nation is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teman currently resides in Florida, his undersigned counsel currently resides in Florida, and his other undersigned counsel Justin Gelfand currently resides in Missouri. As such, proceeding with sentencing at the currently-scheduled date would require both members of the defense team and Teman to travel to New York City at a time when public health officials are discouraging travel unless absolutely necessary. Furthermore, as COVID-19 cases spike throughout the country, New York has implemented quarantine restrictions on travelers arriving in New York. See Executive Order No. 205 (June 24, 2020).

Based on these unusual circumstances, Teman seeks an adjournment so that the parties and this Court can take the necessary safety precautions before physically reconvening for sentencing.

Kind Regards,

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cc: AUSA K. Bhatia, via ECF  
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GRANTED. Sentencing is adjourned to September 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. However, the Court declines to extend the deadlines for sentencing submissions, as there is no stated need for such an extension and filing on the current scheduling will enable the Court to prepare for the sentencing during the time in which it had planned to do so. The defense sentencing submission remains due July 7, 2020 and the Government's sentencing submission remains due July 14, 2020. The Clerk of Court is requested to terminate the motion at Dkt. No. 143

7/1/2020

SO ORDERED.



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PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge